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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(In thousands)	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED OCTOBER 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED NOVEMBER 1985 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,966.4	1,751.9	264.7	13.4	1,966.7	1,727.9	238.8	13.0	1,987.5	1,763.1	224.4	11.3
LABOR MARKET AREA:												
Alexandria 1/	59.4	53.1	6.3	10.6	59.4	53.2	6.2	10.5	58.6	53.0	5.6	9.6
Baton Rouge 2/	280.4	242.1	27.9	10.7	280.5	242.5	28.0	10.4	259.9	232.8	27.1	10.4
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	75.6	61.0	14.6	19.3	75.9	61.5	14.4	19.0	79.1	70.2	8.9	11.2
Lafayette 4/	121.8	93.4	28.4	23.3	120.5	90.4	16.4	15.3	110.5	100.4	10.1	9.2
Lake Charles 5/	72.1	57.5	14.6	20.2	71.9	61.8	10.1	14.0	74.0	63.9	10.1	13.7
Monroe 6/	68.3	61.3	7.4	10.8	68.6	61.6	7.0	10.2	68.6	62.0	6.6	9.6
New Orleans 7/	592.6	504.5	88.1	14.9	591.3	525.4	65.9	11.1	605.5	542.1	63.4	10.5
Shreveport 8/	196.1	160.3	35.8	18.2	161.1	143.9	19.2	11.8	167.9	150.3	17.6	10.5

Parishes included in above labor market areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the state during November was estimated at 1,518,100, a decrease of 1,400 workers from October's level and 88,000 below the comparable period a year ago. Manufacturing employment was lower for the current month as a result of a downturn in nondurable goods. Lower employment in construction contributed to the decrease in nonmanufacturing.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 72,100 for November, was 200 higher than October but 4,800 lower than November 1985. Electrical and electronic equipment payrolls were down for November. Transportation equipment payrolls were up due to more business for the state's shipyards.

Nondurable goods employment, at 95,600, was 300 below last month's figure and 2,200 lower than November of last year. A seasonal decline in the production of fats and oils was a primary factor in the drop of employment in the food and kindred products industry.

Louisiana's nonmanufacturing employment for November, at 1,350,400, was 1,300 lower than last month's figure and 81,000 lower than the year-ago figure. Employment was lower throughout the construction industry for November, except for the painting, paper hanging and decorating segment. Transportation and public utilities experienced a decrease in employment primarily due to less activity at the state's ports. Increased payrolls in retail trade, especially a seasonal increase in general merchandise, apparel and accessories stores, accounted for much of the gain in total trade employment for the current month. Finance, insurance and real estate employment remained steady. Growth in hotels and other lodging places, business services and membership organizations contributed to the increase in the total services industry.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 121,900 production workers in manufacturing increased from $439.74 in October to $445.20 in November, a gain of $5.46. Average hourly earnings, at $10.50, was three cents above last month's level and $0.10 over November of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.4 during November, an increase of 0.4 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 264,700 in November, an increase of 5,900 from the October revised level of 258,800. The unemployment rate for November was 13.4 percent compared to 13.0 percent for last month and 11.3 percent for November 1985. The comparable national unemployment rate for November was 6.6 percent, compared to 6.6 percent in October and 6.7 percent for November of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,986,700 in October to 1,968,600 in November, a decrease of 18,100. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,727,900 in October to 1,703,900 in November, a drop of 24,000.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should be lower next month. Retail trade employment should continue upward in response to holiday shopping.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change from Oct. 1986	Net Change from November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,518.1	1,519.5	1,606.1	- 1.4	-88.0
MINING	57.7	57.8	80.0	- 0.1	-22.3
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.2	54.3	76.8	- 0.1	-22.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	89.9	91.8	105.4	- 1.9	-15.5
MANUFACTURING	167.7	167.8	174.7	- 0.1	- 7.0
Durable Goods	72.1	71.9	76.9	+ 0.2	- 4.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.0	13.0	12.9	0	+ 0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.3	6.3	6.7	0	- 0.4
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	- 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	11.9	11.9	13.4	0	- 1.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.1	8.0	9.6	+ 0.1	- 1.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.6	7.8	- 0.4	- 0.6
Transportation Equipment	19.8	19.3	19.9	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.3	2.3	2.6	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	95.6	95.9	97.8	- 0.3	- 2.2
Food & Kindred Products	23.4	23.8	23.5	- 0.4	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.4	8.4	9.1	0	- 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	11.3	11.3	11.3	0	0
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.2	10.3	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.9	25.9	27.6	0	- 1.7
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	12.0	12.2	0	- 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.5	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.3	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	101.9	103.1	115.1	- 1.2	-13.2
Railroad Transportation	5.6	5.6	6.0	0	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	56.5	57.6	67.5	- 1.1	-11.0
Water Transportation	24.5	25.4	30.6	- 0.9	- 6.1
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	39.8	39.9	41.6	- 0.1	- 1.8
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.7	18.6	19.9	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.1	21.3	21.7	- 0.2	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	378.2	376.9	394.3	+ 1.3	-16.1
Wholesale Trade	82.9	83.6	92.4	- 0.7	- 9.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.1	45.9	52.7	- 0.8	- 7.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.8	37.7	39.7	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Retail Trade	295.3	293.3	301.9	+ 2.0	- 6.6
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	61.8	60.2	63.5	+ 1.6	- 1.7
Food Stores	60.0	59.4	58.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.1	31.4	32.5	- 0.3	- 1.4
Eating & Drinking Places	89.3	89.6	91.2	- 0.3	- 1.9
Other Retail Trade	53.1	52.7	56.7	+ 0.4	- 3.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change from Oct. 1986	Net Change from November 1985
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.9	83.9	85.9	0	- 2.0
Banking	26.9	27.0	27.6	- 0.1	- 0.7
SERVICES	317.9	317.4	322.1	+ 0.5	- 4.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.6	22.2	24.8	+ 0.4	- 2.2
Personal Services	15.7	16.0	14.9	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Business Services	52.0	51.6	58.8	+ 0.4	- 6.8
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.7	7.6	0	- 0.9
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.9	9.4	9.0	- 0.5	- 0.1
Health Services	93.1	93.3	91.3	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Legal Services	13.8	13.8	13.6	0	+ 0.2
Educational Services	27.3	27.4	25.6	- 0.1	+ 1.7
Social Services	18.3	18.4	18.0	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Membership Organizations	26.4	25.5	24.8	+ 0.9	+ 1.6
Miscellaneous Services	16.5	16.7	17.0	- 0.2	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	320.9	320.8	328.6	+ 0.1	- 7.7
Federal	35.0	34.9	35.5	+ 0.1	- 0.5
State and Local	285.9	285.9	293.1	0	- 7.2
State	105.2	105.3	108.0	- 0.1	- 2.8
Local	180.7	180.6	185.1	+ 0.1	- 4.4

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$445.20	$439.74	$442.00	42.4	42.0	42.5	$10.50	$10.47	$10.40
Durable Goods	381.90	380.15	398.65	40.2	40.1	41.7	9.50	9.48	9.56
Lumber & Wood Products	317.16	313.10	310.82	40.3	40.4	39.9	7.87	7.75	7.79
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	357.38	376.11	398.40	40.2	39.8	41.2	8.89	9.45	9.67
Fabricated Metal Products	360.26	354.77	414.40	40.8	41.3	44.8	8.83	8.59	9.25
Machinery, ex. Electrical	384.72	355.47	393.87	38.9	37.3	41.2	9.89	9.53	9.56
Electric & Electronic Equip.	489.24	528.15	475.15	40.5	42.8	42.5	12.08	12.34	11.18
Transportation Equipment	425.89	415.76	448.39	40.6	39.9	40.8	10.49	10.42	10.99
Nondurable Goods	498.13	490.06	480.20	44.2	43.6	43.3	11.27	11.24	11.09
Food & Kindred Products	334.95	350.67	311.10	44.6	44.9	42.5	7.51	7.81	7.32
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	219.42	204.67	195.45	41.4	38.4	37.7	5.30	5.33	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	618.20	590.34	596.75	44.0	43.6	44.7	14.05	13.54	13.35
Printing & Publishing	430.01	391.43	394.54	37.7	38.3	40.3	10.69	10.22	9.79
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	690.46	667.37	643.26	46.0	44.7	43.7	15.01	14.93	14.72
Petroleum & Coal Products	711.50	693.58	737.55	48.9	47.8	49.5	14.55	14.51	14.90
Petroleum Refining	726.12	710.04	761.54	49.7	48.5	50.4	14.61	14.64	15.11
MINING	535.22	530.61	519.65	46.5	46.1	46.9	11.51	11.51	11.08
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	523.98	526.32	530.02	41.0	40.3	42.3	12.78	13.06	12.53
BANKING	264.13	266.70	250.13	38.9	38.1	37.5	6.79	7.00	6.67

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,900 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 87,800 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 11 86				REVISED 10 86			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	25,200	20,425	4,775	18.9	25,725	20,975	4,750	18.5
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,800	8,100	1,700	17.4	9,950	8,350	1,600	16.1
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,375	6,325	2,050	24.6	8,750	6,625	2,125	24.2
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	17,225	14,125	3,100	18.0	17,825	14,725	3,100	17.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,725	11,900	1,825	13.2	13,800	11,975	1,825	13.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,850	5,900	950	13.7	6,900	5,975	925	13.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,800	3,925	875	18.2	4,950	4,100	850	17.2
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,825	4,250	575	11.8	5,225	4,700	525	10.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	5,025	3,850	1,175	23.6	5,150	4,100	1,050	20.6
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,050	7,100	950	11.8	7,975	7,100	875	10.9
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,550	8,550	2,000	18.9	10,850	8,950	1,900	17.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	14,350	12,050	2,300	16.0	14,625	12,575	2,050	14.0
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,500	3,700	800	17.9	4,650	3,975	675	14.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,625	7,575	1,050	12.2	8,825	7,750	1,075	12.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,625	11,875	2,750	18.8	14,975	12,225	2,750	18.4
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,750	7,025	1,725	19.7	9,200	7,675	1,525	16.7
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,250	6,200	1,050	14.4	7,375	6,400	975	13.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	31,350	25,175	6,175	19.7	31,875	25,575	6,300	19.7
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,225	10,175	2,050	16.7	12,425	10,350	2,075	16.7
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,275	6,525	750	10.2	7,175	6,450	725	10.2
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,475	11,025	2,450	18.2	13,975	11,500	2,475	17.7
JENA (LASALLE)	7,200	6,100	1,100	15.3	7,575	6,475	1,100	14.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,325	17,150	1,175	6.4	18,575	17,450	1,125	6.1
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,000	5,025	975	16.2	6,200	5,300	900	14.4
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,600	10,600	2,000	15.9	12,825	11,000	1,825	14.3
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,825	15,700	2,125	11.9	17,900	15,900	2,000	11.2
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	10,175	8,800	1,375	13.5	10,225	8,975	1,250	12.1
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,200	6,600	1,600	19.4	8,625	7,050	1,575	18.4
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,350	3,850	500	11.3	4,450	3,975	475	10.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,825	7,375	1,450	16.5	9,300	7,950	1,350	14.5
MANY (SABINE)	10,150	8,725	1,425	14.1	10,275	8,875	1,400	13.6
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,350	2,825	525	15.7	3,450	2,925	525	15.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,300	6,975	1,325	15.9	8,400	7,050	1,350	16.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	37,175	29,600	7,575	20.4	37,675	30,175	7,500	19.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	31,600	24,100	7,500	23.7	32,150	24,500	7,650	23.8
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,950	34,025	5,925	14.8	40,350	34,475	5,875	14.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,575	3,075	500	14.2	3,725	3,375	350	9.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,300	1,150	13.6	8,450	7,400	1,050	12.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	22,225	17,475	4,750	21.3	22,725	18,100	4,625	20.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,075	17,225	1,850	9.6	19,100	17,375	1,725	9.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	19,050	16,525	2,525	13.3	19,275	16,750	2,525	13.1
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,125	16,975	3,150	15.6	20,225	17,250	2,975	14.7
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,175	3,950	1,225	23.8	5,350	4,300	1,050	19.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,325	3,825	500	11.5	4,375	3,825	550	12.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,725	5,025	700	12.4	5,800	5,100	700	12.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From Oct. 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.4	44.9	45.7	+ 0.5	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.6	1.7	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.7	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.2	10.9	11.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	9.1	8.8	8.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.2	2.0	2.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.4	3.3	3.4	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	10.3	10.2	10.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.7	13.2	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.1	10.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
State	5.1	5.1	5.5	0	- 0.4
Local	5.1	5.0	5.1	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,400 during November. This estimate was 500 more than October and 300 less than November of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during November totaled 3,500. This was 100 more than the previous month and unchanged from November of last year. Since last month the increase was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 41,900 during November. This was an increase of 400 and the gains were in retail trade, services, and local government. Since November of last year employment in nonmanufacturing has declined by 300. The losses were in construction and state government, with some gains being made in retail trade and services.

During the next thirty days employment in retail trade should increase due to extra hires for the holiday season and the total number of unemployed should increase due to seasonal reductions.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From Oct. 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	214.0	213.8	216.7	+ 0.2	- 2.7
MANUFACTURING	20.0	19.9	20.5	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.7	15.6	16.3	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	1.9	2.0	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	11.2	11.2	11.7	0	- 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	21.8	21.4	22.3	+ 0.4	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.6	10.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.0	50.7	51.7	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	10.6	10.6	11.0	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.8	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	40.4	40.1	40.7	+ 0.3	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.5	14.0	0	- 0.5
Banking	4.0	4.0	4.4	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	41.8	42.3	41.2	- 0.5	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	54.1	54.1	55.5	0	- 1.4
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	51.9	51.9	53.4	0	- 1.5
State	31.2	31.2	32.6	0	- 1.4
Local	20.7	20.7	20.8	0	- 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$515.70	$520.71	$547.31	43.3	42.3	45.8	$11.91	$12.31	$11.95
Petro-Chemicals	744.39	709.96	708.63	48.4	46.8	47.4	15.38	15.17	14.95

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 214,000 during November was up 200 from the October revised estimate. Manufacturing was up 100 and nonmanufacturing was up 100.

Employment in manufacturing, at 20,000 in November, was up 100 during the current period. Durable goods showed no change. Nondurable goods were up due to seasonal increases in sugar and confectionery products.

Total nonmanufacturing was up during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings, in heavy construction, except highway and street construction, and in painting, paper hanging, and decorating. Transportation and public utilities were down due to seasonal decline in services incidental to water transportation. Wholesale trade showed no change while retail trade was up due to more business in grocery stores; in furniture, home furnishings, and equipment stores, except appliance; in eating and drinking places; and in drug stores and proprietary stores. Finance, insurance and real estate showed no change. Services were down due to less business in personnel supply services, in hospitals, in legal services and seasonal drops in job training and vocational rehabilitation services. Government showed no change.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,500 production workers in all manufacturing was $515.70, down $5.01 from the revised October average. Average weekly hours were up 1.0 hours and average hourly earnings were down $0.40. More overtime worked by lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 232,500 during November. Unemployment, at 27,900 during November, was down 100 from October's revised estimate. The November unemployment rate at 10.7 percent was up from last month's revised 10.4 percent. The statewide unemployment rate for November was 13.4 percent and the national rate was 6.6 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 260,400 during the current period.

Baton Rouge LMA's unemployment rate is expected to show little change during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,904 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 160 applicants in jobs during November.

The consumer price index for October, 1986 for all urban consumers was 330.5 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 325.0 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From Oct. 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.9	53.6	62.3	- 0.7	- 9.4
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.5	5.1	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
MINING	6.4	6.4	7.9	0	- 1.5
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	2.0	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.8	5.8	7.7	0	- 1.9
Water Transportation	4.0	4.0	5.1	0	- 1.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.0	13.3	15.7	- 0.3	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.1	3.7	- 0.2	- 0.8
Retail Trade	10.1	10.2	12.0	- 0.1	- 1.9
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.1	3.7	0	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	7.7	8.0	9.1	- 0.3	- 1.4
GOVERNMENT	11.0	11.0	11.4	0	- 0.4
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.5	10.5	10.9	0	- 0.4
State	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.3	7.3	7.8	0	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in November moved down to 52,900, a level 700 below October. Unfavorable changes in construction, trade, and services brought the decrease. Since November of 1985, total employment lost 9,400 workers, showing a reduction of 15.1 percent.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500 in November, no change over the previous month. Durable goods and nondurable goods were unchanged over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 600.

Wholesale trade sustained the overall downtrend of recent months. Retail trade tapered off, reflecting a decrease in employment by food stores. Construction showed a downturn largely in heavy construction. Services exhibited small decreases in several industries. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady. Government showed no significant change. Mining remained on a lowered level. Transportation displayed no sizable change in any industry.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA - CONTINUED
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in November pushed up to 14,600, showing a minor increase of 200 since October. The continuing downtrend in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 19.3 percent of the labor force compared to 19.0 percent in October and 11.2 percent in November of last year. The November rate was higher than the state rate of 13.4 percent and very much higher than the national rate of 6.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 3,915.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to show normal seasonal changes. In retail trade, shopping for the holiday season is predicted to peak in December and then adjust downward in January. Seasonal gains will be slowed by the problems of a very troubled local economy. Mining and construction will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably show little change.

LAFAYETTE AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	October 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From October 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	85.9	86.6	99.5	- 0.7	-13.6
MANUFACTURING	4.8	4.7	6.2	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	2.2	0	- 0.8
Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.3	4.0	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.7	1.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	12.7	13.2	17.1	- 0.5	- 4.4
CONSTRUCTION	4.0	4.3	5.4	- 0.3	- 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.4	7.3	0	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.3	23.2	26.0	+ 0.1	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.4	6.6	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.3	3.3	4.3	0	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	17.8	17.8	19.4	0	- 1.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.6	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Other Retail Trade	10.0	10.0	10.9	0	- 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.4	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.2	17.5	19.8	- 0.3	- 2.6
GOVERNMENT	14.0	13.9	13.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	13.1	13.0	12.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
Local	7.7	7.6	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lafayette was estimated at 85,900, a decrease of 700 from the previous month and 13,600 lower than November a year ago.

The bulk of the decrease was noted in the nonmanufacturing segment of the economy, which showed a decrease of 800 from October of 1986, and was 12,200 lower than November of 1985.

Mining was estimated at 12,700, down 500 from the previous month and 4,400 less than the same period a year ago.

Construction was 300 less than October of this year and 1,400 less than November of 1985.

The remaining segments showed little or no change from previous levels.

The unemployment rate in Lafayette will remain about the same for the next month but will probably increase after the first of the year due to inclement weather and the end of the holiday season.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	October 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From October 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.5	55.8	58.3	- 0.3	- 2.8
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.6	9.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.6	0.5	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	7.8	7.8	8.2	0	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.0	7.0	7.3	0	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.4	1.6	2.1	- 0.2	- 0.7
CONSTRUCTION	3.5	3.8	3.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.1	14.8	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.4	11.2	11.7	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.2	2.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.7	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.6	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.8	9.9	10.9	- 0.1	- 1.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.3	11.1	11.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.4	10.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
State	4.0	3.8	3.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lake Charles stood at 55,500, a decrease of 300 from the previous month and 2,800 less than November 1985.

Very little fluctuations were shown in manufacturing or nonmanufacturing from the previous month. Large decreases were noted in nonagricultural employment, nonmanufacturing, mining and manufacturing from November 1985.

The outlook is for a small increase in trade employment during the Christmas shopping season. Unemployment should remain the same for the next month but should increase after the first of the year due to inclement weather and layoffs in retail trade.

NORROK AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1990*	Oct., 1990**	November 1989***	Net Change Oct., 1990	Net Change Nov., 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	99.2	99.1	96.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.5	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.6	2.5	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.1	4.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.9	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	19.3	19.2	18.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	15.1	15.0	14.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Gen. Mdse., Agg. & Acc.	2.8	3.1	2.8	- 0.3	0
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.8	2.8	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.8	10.7	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Health Services	4.8	4.8	4.5	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.1	10.1	9.8	0	+ 0.3
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
State and Local	9.3	9.3	9.0	0	+ 0.3
State	4.7	4.8	4.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Local	4.6	4.7	4.2	- 0.1	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 99,200, was down 100 from the October estimate of 99,300. The decline was in nonmanufacturing employment.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,800, was unchanged over the month.

Nonmanufacturing, estimated at 87,400, was down by 100 workers. Gains were noted in transportation and public utilities and wholesale and retail trade. Services was down by 300. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next 30 days employment should remain stable or increase slightly as the holiday season is in full swing. Unemployment is expected to remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	October 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From October 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.8	511.3	533.1	+ 0.5	-21.3
MANUFACTURING	41.2	42.8	44.6	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Durable Goods	20.9	20.5	22.2	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	3.2	0	- 0.7
Machinery	2.6	2.5	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	11.9	11.6	12.1	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.0	7.8	7.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	22.3	22.3	22.4	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.1	4.1	4.3	0	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	18.2	18.4	19.0	- 0.2	- 2.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.7	15.8	18.5	- 0.1	- 2.8
CONSTRUCTION	23.3	24.3	27.7	- 1.0	- 4.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	47.0	42.3	45.6	- 0.3	- 3.6
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	11.9	12.3	13.5	- 0.4	- 1.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	139.9	137.9	144.2	+ 0.8	- 5.4
Wholesale Trade	32.8	32.5	35.2	- 0.3	- 3.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.4	18.7	21.0	- 0.3	- 2.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	14.2	0	- 0.6
Retail Trade	106.8	105.6	109.0	+ 1.2	- 2.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.9	32.9	33.3	0	- 0.4
Banking	7.8	7.8	7.8	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	136.5	136.1	133.6	+ 0.4	- 2.9
GOVERNMENT	84.7	84.6	85.3	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Federal	15.5	15.5	15.8	0	- 0.3
State and Local	69.2	69.1	69.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
State	21.5	21.3	22.1	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Local	47.7	47.8	47.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**
(2) MANUFACTURING	$430.40	$439.47	$439.10	40.9	40.2	41.7	$10.56	$10.36	$10.53
Durable Goods	430.16	368.14	403.74	39.1	38.5	41.2	9.87	9.51	9.80
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prds.	351.37	351.81	391.38	34.2	34.2	37.9	9.73	10.29	10.43
Fabricated Metal Products	339.95	338.20	414.75	34.2	36.7	47.4	9.94	9.17	8.75
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	382.05	375.43	380.00	40.6	38.6	38.0	9.41	9.43	10.00
Nondurable Goods	481.17	481.87	471.48	42.5	41.7	42.2	11.36	11.87	11.22
Food & Kindred Products	331.26	325.60	334.17	40.2	40.7	39.5	8.29	8.00	8.46
Apparel & Other Textile Prds.	138.60	137.87	155.34	30.0	31.4	29.2	5.28	5.42	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	387.80	398.71	422.15	43.0	41.1	47.7	9.02	8.66	8.85
Printing & Publishing	407.94	394.82	439.14	39.3	40.9	46.6	10.46	9.61	9.34
Chemicals & Allied Prds.	711.20	742.24	852.93	47.4	48.1	42.2	15.00	14.80	15.47

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately [illegible] production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and include overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in November increased to 511,600, up 300 from October. Gains largely in retail trade, services, and manufacturing barely offset decreases in other industry divisions. Over the year, nonagricultural employment showed a total loss of 21,500 spread through every industry division. Nonagricultural employment remains at the lowest level since February 1979.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,200 in November, up 400 from the previous month. Durable goods increased 400 due to an increase of 300 in the transportation segment because of an upturn in business at a local shipyard. In addition, machinery went up 100 due to increased hiring at a machine shop. Nondurable goods were unchanged over the month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing was down 1,400 employees.

Retail trade benefited from a seasonal upturn augmented by the opening of a large new store. Wholesale trade showed a downturn in both the durable and nondurable goods segments. Services pushed up, mainly in business services and the hotel-motel industry. State government exhibited a small gain mostly seasonal in nature. Less favorably, construction lost 1,000 workers, with every major sector hurt by a sizable employment reduction. Employment in mining continued to shrink. Water transportation sustained the downtrend of recent months. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady.

Production workers in the area earned an average $431.66 a week in November, up $16.70 from last month's average. Average weekly hours increased 36 minutes from the previous month and average hourly earnings increased $0.22. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $7.44.

Estimated unemployment in November pushed up to 66,100, showing a small increase of 200 since October. The persisting problems of employment were mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 11.1 percent of the labor force compared to 11.1 percent in October and 10.5 percent in November of last year. The November rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 13.4 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 16,203. Approximately 42.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; about 34.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. In retail trade, shopping for the holiday season will reach its peak in December and then adjust downward in January. Services will benefit from the opening of the Fair Grounds racing season. Less favorably, construction and mining will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably show little overall change.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From Oct. 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.9	131.1	139.4	- 0.2	- 8.5
MANUFACTURING	17.7	18.1	19.9	- 0.4	- 2.2
Durable Goods	12.9	13.4	15.0	- 0.5	- 2.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.4	7.7	8.9	- 0.3	- 1.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.6	5.9	6.8	- 0.3	- 1.2
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.9	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.7	4.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.3	1.4	+ 0.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
MINING	2.8	2.7	4.7	+ 0.1	- 1.9
CONSTRUCTION	7.4	7.2	8.2	+ 0.2	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.7	7.7	8.4	0	- 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.7	30.7	33.6	0	- 2.9
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.2	8.7	- 0.1	- 0.6
Retail Trade	22.6	22.5	24.9	+ 0.1	- 2.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.8	7.9	8.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	30.2	30.4	30.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	26.6	26.4	26.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	22.1	22.0	22.1	+ 0.1	0
State	8.3	8.3	7.3	0	+ 1.0
Local	13.8	13.7	14.8	+ 0.1	- 1.0

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$478.50	$426.19	$407.42	41.5	39.1	39.1	$11.53	$10.90	$10.42
Lumber and Wood Products	179.04	205.43	276.64	30.5	32.3	41.6	5.87	6.36	6.65
Metals and Machinery	543.37	445.26	421.43	45.7	40.7	40.6	11.89	10.94	10.38
Food and Kindred Products	302.71	307.29	310.31	40.2	40.7	41.1	7.53	7.55	7.55
Printing and Publishing	295.36	304.55	269.35	32.0	31.3	31.8	9.23	9.73	8.47
Petroleum and Coal Products	546.54	526.80	483.39	42.4	43.9	41.0	12.89	12.00	11.79

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment total, estimated at 130,900, is down from the revised October estimate of 131,100 and is 8,500 less than the November 1985 estimate. The slight employment gains in total nonmanufacturing employment failed to offset the decline in total manufacturing employment.

The preliminary estimate for total manufacturing is 17,700, down from 18,100 in October and is 2,200 less than November 1985. This decline occurred in the production of durable goods due to the continuing drop in demand for metals and machinery.

Total nonmanufacturing employment shows a slight increase from the previous month, up from 113,000 in October to 113,200 in November. The small gains that occurred in mining, construction and government were partially offset by employment losses in finance, insurance and real estate and services.

The Shreveport LMA has 12,800 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $478.50. The average weekly hours increased to 41.5, up from 39.1 in October. The average hourly earnings increased to $11.53, up from $10.98 last month and $10.42 in November 1985.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport LMA is 164,700, including 143,500 employed and 21,200 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area is 12.9 percent, compared to 13.4 percent for the state.

Nonagricultural employment is not expected to show any improvement during the winter months. Services employment will show a decline caused by the ending of the racing season. This job loss will more than offset possible employment gains in retail trade. Total unemployment is expected to move up from the present level, causing the unemployment rate to move up to the 13.0 percent range in this LMA.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1986

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	6,971	6,080	891	119	103	16	73	56	17
Contractural Construction (15-17)	17,526	12,668	4,858	474	358	116	2,787	2,111	676
Manufacturing (20-29)	8,646	5,044	3,602	185	99	86	448	254	194
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	4,306	2,812	1,494	71	49	22	365	212	153
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	2,323	1,632	691	82	61	21	197	128	69
Retail Trade (52-59)	9,377	5,952	3,425	232	159	73	1,025	564	461
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,810	1,364	446	46	36	10	292	219	73
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	14,169	8,404	5,765	326	182	144	1,436	836	600
Public Administration (91-97)	2,103	972	1,131	50	31	19	220	93	127
All Others	529	289	240	7	3	4	113	54	59
Totals	67,760	45,217	22,543	1,592	1,081	511	6,956	4,527	2,429
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	8,217	6,733	1,484	173	144	29	941	732	209
Clerical and Sales	13,433	9,985	3,448	323	238	85	1,552	1,058	494
Services Occupations	6,326	2,189	4,137	187	69	118	611	179	432
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	983	391	592	26	14	12	32	23	9
Processing Occupations	1,227	614	613	28	13	15	89	55	34
Machine Trades	3,785	2,858	927	95	71	24	332	263	69
Benchwork Occupations	2,328	1,316	1,012	42	22	20	89	64	25
Structural Work Occupations	18,227	12,744	5,483	484	368	116	2,518	1,752	766
Miscellaneous Occupations	13,234	8,387	4,847	234	142	92	792	401	391
Totals	67,760	45,217	22,543	1,592	1,081	511	6,956	4,527	2,429

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1986

Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	750	659	91	1,235	1,064	171	197	173	24
Contractural Construction (15-17)	712	604	108	605	432	173	1,053	903	150
Manufacturing (20-29)	827	671	156	361	248	113	192	107	85
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	460	407	53	239	190	49	204	107	97
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	177	155	22	271	209	62	87	70	17
Retail Trade (52-59)	436	344	92	743	515	228	350	266	84
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	60	57	3	139	102	37	37	26	11
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	513	407	106	926	670	256	465	288	177
Public Administration (91-97)	60	42	18	54	32	22	60	34	26
All Others	16	13	3	23	20	3	4	4	0
Totals	4,011	3,359	652	4,596	3,482	1,114	2,649	1,978	671
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	523	482	41	770	707	63	258	226	32
Clerical and Sales	641	558	83	1,292	1,091	201	465	374	91
Services Occupations	231	145	86	433	185	248	202	77	125
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	26	11	15	56	37	19	51	9	42
Processing Occupations	101	63	38	72	34	38	65	30	35
Machine Trades	290	262	28	293	237	56	95	87	8
Benchwork Occupations	38	32	6	77	53	24	21	17	4
Structural Work Occupations	1,306	1,091	215	726	523	203	929	800	129
Miscellaneous Occupations	855	715	140	877	615	262	563	358	205
Totals	4,011	3,359	652	4,596	3,482	1,114	2,649	1,978	671

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1986

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	80	76	4	699	526	173	364	332	32
Contractural Construction (15-17)	481	400	81	3,833	2,524	1,309	1,082	693	389
Manufacturing (20-29)	160	99	61	1,674	889	785	1,274	678	596
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	60	32	28	1,665	834	831	143	99	44
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	24	11	13	613	366	247	245	171	74
Petail Trade (52-59)	560	362	198	2,414	1,301	1,113	846	479	367
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	49	37	12	656	452	204	184	144	40
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	322	190	132	5,091	2,772	2,319	1,053	535	518
Public Administration (91-97)	52	23	29	757	263	494	125	50	75
All Others	8	3	5	173	79	94	31	16	15
Totals	1,796	1,233	563	17,575	10,006	7,569	5,347	3,197	2,150
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	236	194	42	2,705	2,020	685	561	457	104
Clerical and Sales	513	386	127	3,937	2,490	1,447	1,093	824	269
Services Occupations	152	41	111	2,274	621	1,653	544	130	414
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	10	4	6	118	43	75	52	14	38
Processing Occupations	14	11	3	243	107	136	97	31	66
Machine Trades	133	98	35	946	658	288	306	184	122
Benchwork Occupations	41	25	16	319	135	184	765	390	375
Structural Work Occupations	360	280	80	3,709	2,242	1,467	1,117	738	379
Miscellaneous Occupations	337	194	143	3,324	1,690	1,634	812	429	383
Totals	1,796	1,233	563	17,575	10,006	7,569	5,347	3,197	2,150